

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following new heading and paragraph after the title on page 1:

-- RELATED APPLICATION

This invention is a continuation of and claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/741,985 entitled ACCESSING META INFORMATION TRIGGERS AUTOMATIC BUFFERING filed on December 20, 2000, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference and set forth in its entirety for all purposes. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As indicated by the points 130, 140, subsequent distraction paths may be taken. At some point 140, the user reenters the path 110 at the point 111 of the original distraction. In a preferred embodiment, the system allows the user, or an application, to save multiple reentry points, thereby allowing the user or application to review the material if desired. Although the reentry point is illustrated at the same point 111 as the original distraction, the stored reentry point may be modified by the user or by an application. For example, if the user is distracted during a commercial break, the system may be configured to overwrite the stored reentry point with a point 112 at the end of the commercial break. In like manner, reentry points 113 may be defined at the start of each scene of a broadcast. If the user is distracted during the scene, the system is configured to return to the start of the scene, to provide continuity. Preferably, the content material will be configured to mark such likely re-entry points, to facilitate continuity. Similarly, if the content material includes related meta-information, alternative re-entry points may be provided. For example, if the meta-information relates to a character that appears in the content material, an alternate re-entry point may be provided corresponding to the first

appearance of the character in the content material. These and other reentry schemes will be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of this disclosure.